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**“LRBOI buys Great Lakes Downs!”**

*Tribe invests in Muskegon!*

On July 16<sup>th</sup>, the tribal government held a press conference of major tribal and state significance. Ogema Larry Romanelli and Commerce Director Robert Memberto announced the purchase of the Great Lakes Downs racetrack and other property at the intersection of I-96 and US 31 in Muskegon. They were accompanied by Tribal Council members, Pat Ruiter and Robert Hardenburgh. A simultaneous announcement appeared on the tribal website.

This investment of tribal resources signifies the tribes’ plans to build a second site casino and facilitate other development in Western Michigan. It also shows their commitment to the economic health of the Southernmost-county in the tribes’ 9-county area of responsibility. Almost 1000 tribal members live in the Muskegon vicinity.

The press conference, organized by the tribal Office of Public Affairs, drew five television stations; numerous newspaper and radio newspersons and even some Internet News groups such as MiBiz. See more articles and comments on **Pages 12 & 13**. (article by Glenn C. Zaring)



## Special Pull Out section inside Constitutional Changes from Ogema Romanelli, and Tribal Council!

*The Durant Role explained*

**“The first of a three part article on the Durant Role appears on pages 6 and 7. One of the leading experts on the role and its impact on tribal country discusses what the role is and what it means.”**



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Aanii,

I hope everyone is enjoying their summertime; it goes by way too quickly. We just had another successful Jiingtamok and Language Camp. Chi Miigwetch to everyone who gave their time to these very important cultural events!

Just to recap the last couple of months, Little River Band of Ottawa Indians hosted the United Tribes Meeting on June 12th; many Michigan Tribes were represented and discussed issues common to all tribes. On June 13th we also hosted the 2008 Annual Tribal-State Forum at the Little River Casino Resort Three Fires Conference Center. Tribes that attended the United Tribes Meeting also attended this forum with Governor Jennifer Granholm representing the

State of Michigan. I want to thank the Governor for her attendance and cooperation with the tribal communities.

On June 24th, several of we elected officials attended the Grand Opening of the new Turtle Creek Casino owned by the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. The new casino is very impressive with an adjoining hotel. The casino has a very open atmosphere with a multi-level waterfall and excellent lighting throughout. I thank the tribe for their hospitality. Congratulations go out to Chairman Bob Kewaygoshkum who was recently re-elected to his position.

Word is out about the second site casino in Muskegon. I have put much of the information on the tribal website under Ogema. We are moving along very well on this project. Basically, we purchased the former Great lakes Downs property along with some additional property for \$13 million for the purpose of establishing a second casino and doing economic

development near the US 31 and I-96 junction. At this writing we have already received unanimous support from Muskegon County and support from Fruitport Township, which is one of the first steps needed in the process of establishing the second site. We have been received very well from the Muskegon community as well. We know there will be hurdles but this project is ahead of schedule at the present time. We are also pleased to be able to move ahead on some economic development in an area where many of our members reside.

As you may know, there was interest from other tribes and earlier this year the City of Muskegon signed an agreement with another tribe from the Upper Peninsula. We had already been working on the second site but felt the need to move our efforts along at a faster pace. During the process, there was a shroud of secrecy because of a confidentiality agreement with the property owners and many of the details of the purchases could

not be disclosed. Recent decisions regarding off-reservation casinos seem to enhance our chances and diminish the chances of other tribes. I will be giving a full report at the Fall Membership Meeting in September.

I am now trying to use the *Rapid River News* on the LRBOI website and the Ogema section, to get news out to the members a little quicker. Both will hopefully be updated on a weekly basis and provide basic weekly information on what is happening within the tribe.

REMEMBER:  
WHEN EVERYTHING IS  
COMING YOUR WAY, YOU'RE  
IN THE WRONG LANE.

## Attention all Tribal Members

If you are interested in joining any of the following Commissions or Committees please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office with a copy going to the Tribal Council.

- 2 seats – Commerce Commission
- 2 seats – Gaming Commission
- 1 seat - Health Commission
- 2 seats – Binojeeuk

## Fall Membership Meeting

September 27th

Location (LRCCR event center)

Time (10am – 4p.m.)

## Tribal Court

### *Court rules on Casino Board question*

In a decision rendered on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008, Tribal Court ruled that the Emergency Legislation removing two Resort Directors was invalid, that the *Resort Board of Directors Ordinance* has not been amended and that Directors Moore and Spoerl should be reinstated under terms and conditions set by the Ogema.

## Government Closes for the following Holidays



- \*New Years Day
- \*Treaty Recognition Day
- \*Memorial Day
- \*Independence Day
- \*Labor Day
- \*Reaffirmation Day (September 21<sup>st</sup>)
- \*Veteran's Day
- \*Thanksgiving Day
- \*Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- \*Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- \*Christmas Day

Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety. Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure.

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# Tribal Council News



NEWS FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL RECORDER  
FOR THE MONTH OF JULY-2008

Weekly listing of work sessions are held by Tribal Council for the Tribal Council agenda, the purpose is to work out issues prior to being voted on at the Tribal Council Meeting on Wednesdays. All Work sessions are open to tribal members. Work Shops are listed below on the calendar for the month of June.

- Culture Preservation:** Whiteloon, and Kelsey 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays.  
**Elders Committee:** Koon, and Kelsey: 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the Month.  
**Binojeeuk Commission:** Alexander, and Beccaria 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays.  
**Gaming Commission:** Hardenburgh, 5:30 on Tuesdays.  
**Natural Resource:** Ruiter, and Alexander every Wed @ 5:30.  
**Commerce Commission:** Parson, and Crampton.  
**Legislative Liaisons:** Crampton, and Hardenburgh.  
**Enrollment Commission:** Crampton, every Monday at 5:30.  
**Housing Commission:** Parsons, Hardenburgh every Thursday of the month.  
**Warrior Society:** Beccaria, 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.  
**Health Commission:** Beccaria, and Whiteloon every Wed at 5:30.  
NCAI (National Congress of American Indians): Parsons, Hardenburgh, Whiteloon, Kelsey.  
NIGA (National Indian Gaming Association: Whiteloon, Alexander, Beccaria, Ruiter.  
Workshops that Tribal Council did have for the month of July are:

- **Community Center:** This was discussion with the Architects on the design of the new Community center up at Aki Maadiziwin.
- **Agenda Review:** Going over agenda items for Wednesday’s Tribal Council Meeting.
- **Wells Fargo:** Talked about investing some of the Tribes money in this bank as well as the other ones that we currently have our money in because of the economy.
- **Kellogg Foundation:** Grant Application to the Kellogg Foundation to help build tribal member success.
- **John Brokora:** Introduction was made that Mr. Brokora will be running against Brent Danielson for the 85<sup>th</sup> District Court.
- **Meeting with Ogema:** Pertaining to the John Concannon Issue of being terminated.
- **Bio-Care (Drug Testing):** Tribal Council looked at the contract before moving forward with this company to implement the Drug Policy in the workplace.
- **4-Day work week:** Ogema brought this forward to Tribal Council to let them know that he did a survey to each employee and the one that everyone picked was work Monday thru Thursday, 7:00 Am till 5:30 PM w/ ½ lunch.
- **Donations:** Getting on board with giving donations out to the public since we can only do a certain percentage to the public with our Revenue Allocation Plan.
- **Grant for Mentoring w/ Peacemaking:** Met with Austin Brauker w/ Peacemaking to move forward on Tribal Youth mentoring Grant. Found out during the meeting that it is a Nation Wide Grant and it would take up to a year to gather different tribes to participate in this grant that Melissa Waitner in the Grants Department did find one that they would be eligible for instead. Good job Melissa!
- **Adam Walsh:** Met to discuss the importance of concentrating on this issue.
- **Ogema Work session:** Muskegon Casino and what is going to happen in the next phase.
- **BIA HIP Project:** Home improvement program to help a Tribal Member to build a new home.
- **Law Firm regarding Muskegon Site:** This discussion was about hiring a law firm to help with the Casino in Muskegon.
- **Mary Lindeman (Lobby Firm):** Ogema called this work session to hire a lobby firm for Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- **Revenue Allocation Ordinance:** Talked about making sure it coincides with the Revenue Allocation plan.
- **211 Manistee County:** See if the tribe can fund this program for Manistee County (It’s a program that is a no-emergency service).

Tribal Council needs to concentrate on the Adam Walsh Act and the Tribal Constitution. I am seeing what the total amount will be to send out what the council has made for the changes and then see what the membership wants and have them mail back the information that they have for the changes.

Agenda Review (WS every other Monday at 1:15).

All regular Tribal Council meetings shall be held at the Little River Band dome room @ 375 River Street, Manistee Michigan.  
New Schedule:

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|------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Wed –August 6    | Wed –September 3   |              |
| Wed – August 20  | Wed – September 17 | December- 10 |
|                  |                    | December- 17 |
| Wed – October 1  | Wed- November 12   |              |
| Wed – October 15 | Wed – November 26  |              |
| Wed- October 20  |                    |              |

Thank you,  
Kimberly Alexander  
Tribal Council Recorder





Ogema Larry Romanelli and Council Member Robert Hardenburgh were invited to a special meeting at West Shore Community College in Scottville in mid-July. College President Charles Dillon and Business Development Director Mark Bergstrom met with the tribal leaders on campus for a tour and discussion on some possibilities for partnership between the school and the tribe.

Over lunch, they discussed their mutual understanding of the need for good education as a basis for skill sets that can help students to succeed.



The discussion covered topics from normal higher education subjects to the need for some of the skilled trades such as electrical, plumbing and mechanical contracting. Councilman Hardenburgh had a length discussion with the school

leaders about the need for skilled tradesmen in machine shop-based talents based on his experience in industry.

Dillon led a tour following lunch to show off the brand new buildings on campus,

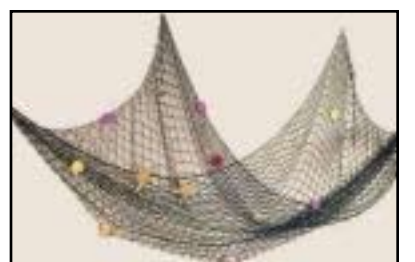
including a very impressive Student Center. The tour also visited another building that has been re-structured for computer sciences, machine tool work and other disciplines.

The group then discussed the new extension of West Shore located at the hospital in Manistee. This new dual-purpose facility not only serves as classroom space but also functions as more meeting space for the Manistee community.

(story and photos by Glenn Zaring)



## Ogema tours Fishing Nets



Tribal S.A.F.E. Boat head out past USCG Cruiser



In mid-July, Ogema Romanelli got a first hand look at the Commercial Fishing operation when Director Joseph LaPorte took him out on the tribal S.A.F.E. boat. Leaving Manistee early in the morning, the Ogema got to see first hand the waters where tribal commercial fishermen ply their dangerous trade.

Romanelli saw net markings and got a better feel for the waters where our nets are placed. He also got to see charter and sport fishermen on the water and received a

better understanding of the relationship between the various parties. In addition they were able to view the erosion along the lakeshore that has taken place from the storms and viewed the large amounts of garbage that washed up on city beaches. Ogema Romanelli commented that, "The city of Manistee did an excellent job of getting it cleaned up in a very short amount of time."

The Ogema's S.A.F.E. boat tour fulfilled a promise made to tribal members to

learn more about an operation that has its base in Tribal Sovereignty.



Romanelli and LaPorte



Dir. LaPorte & Sgt. Szynski



Familiarization Discussion on S.A.F.E. Boat



- Notify the attendant that you are a tribal member before they ring up your sale. Also remember that you cannot get the discount if you pay at the pump. You must go inside to pay for your fuel.
- Tell the attendant if you are purchasing premium, mid-grade or diesel instead of regular unleaded fuel. If you are a resident tribal member, you are entitled to a sales tax discount as well as the motor fuel discount. Since the sales tax is based on a percentage of the selling price of the fuel, the sales tax will be higher on higher priced fuels. By reminding the attendant that you are purchasing more expensive fuel, they will be able to calculate the correct sales tax discount.
- Tell the attendant if you are a “Resident” tribal member. Resident tribal members have stickers on their Tribal ID cards, but this sticker might be overlooked by the attendant. A polite reminder will ensure that you get the additional discount if you are entitled to it.
- Keep track of your gallons so you don’t go over the limit. The penalties for over-limit purchases could cancel out any savings you realize on your fuel purchases. Please don’t go over your monthly limit.
- Check your receipts. Mistakes happen; especially if the station is very busy. Double check your fuel receipt to make sure it shows the discount(s) you are entitled to. All tribal members should get the 19¢ (15¢ for diesel) per gallon Michigan motor fuel discount. This will show up on your receipt as EXEMPT REG TRIBE (or DIES DIS) and should equal the number of gallons purchased times 19 cents (15¢ for diesel). If you are a resident tribal member and have the RTM sticker on your ID card, you should also get the sales tax discount which appears as RESIDENT TRIBE on your receipt. The amount of the tax discount should be equal to: the total amount of your fuel, minus the fuel discount, times 6%.

## CHS/EHAP Supervisor



## Who is Barbara Madison?

*“The Currents invited Barbara Madison to address the Durant Roll from her perspective as a consultant dealing with Enrollment issues within Tribal Country. Madison is an acknowledged expert in the area and this is the first in a three part series from Barbara on the subject of the Durant Roll. The Currents does not endorse the statements in this series but provides them as expert opinion to assist Tribal Members in understanding the process.”*

Barbara Madison  
*Michigan-based Native American research and genealogy consultant*

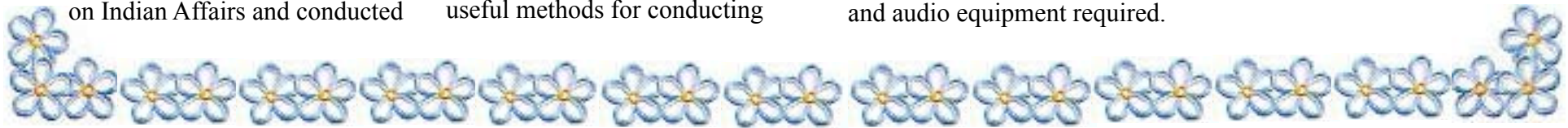
Barbara is a past president of the Michigan Genealogical Council and a board member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies and has been a guest speaker for hundreds of programs presented to community groups interested in genealogical research and Michigan Indian Genealogy and history. She has provided training and technical assistance at programs sponsored by the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs and conducted

assistance at programs sponsored by the Michigan Commission on Indian Affairs and conducted all day workshops and seminars on the methods and procedures of researching Native Ancestry for several Universities, libraries and historical and Native organizations. Since 1992, Barbara has been retained as a consultant with many tribes in Michigan as well as tribes from the east coast to the west coast seeking Federal recognition to train and assist them in preparing their base rolls and family histories.

She has presented many workshops on appropriate and useful methods for conducting

interviews in Native Communities and interviewing individual tribal members. Many of these workshops also included segments on how to research the genealogy of your Native ancestor, how to research Federal, State, and local government records, how to research the history of tribes and individual tribal members and how to use and prepare the materials located as a result of that research. In addition, she has conducted workshops’ to train tribal members how to prepare for and conduct tribal interviews as well as how to operate the video and audio equipment required.

These sessions also focus on elicit information from a particular individual and how to use that information to build an accurate picture of what may have been going on at any given time within the tribe. The participants each practiced interviewing one another using the audio and visual equipment and offered critiques on other participants.



By Barbara Madison, 2002

The Durant Roll is a term which almost every Indian person in Michigan knows. While they may not know what it is, or why it was prepared, they know that it is the document that the BIA Area and Agency Offices use to determine their degree of Indian blood. It is also, more times than not, the document which is used to determine their eligibility for tribal enrollment, for federal services and even for minority business status. In fact, people who work on enrollment issues for the Ottawa and Chippewa Tribes of Michigan, probably reference this historic document more than any other.

What is the Durant Roll? The Durant role was a federal judgment fund distribution roll prepared to determine which Indian people were eligible to receive a per capita share of the monies awarded by the federal court in judgment RG 75 Docket 27978.

Background on the Durant Roll- On March 3, 1905, Congress authorized the Ottawa & Chippewa Tribe of Michigan to file a lawsuit in the U.S. Court of Claims (RG 75 Docket 27978) to settle questions of mismanagement of certain treaty moneys held in trust for them by the Federal Government (33 Stat. 1081). At the conclusion of that case, the Court found that the U.S. had in fact incorrectly placed some of the money it held in trust from the 1836 Ottawa and Chippewa Treaty in the general treasury, and the Court awarded the Tribes \$131,188.94 plus

interest. (35 Stat. 8-27). These moneys were to be distributed in per capita payments.

To prepare for this distribution, the BIA hired Special Agent Charles McNichols to develop a roll of living descendants of the Ottawa and Chippewa Bands. McNichols arrived in Michigan expecting to find small numbers of Indians in small communities of mixed bloods. What he found instead was a sizable number of Ottawa and Chippewa living together in separate Indian communities.

It was my impression, and I believe it to have been yours, that there were but a few hundred of said “Ottawa and Chippewas of Michigan.” Your letter of instruction made no mention of bands of full bloods living around Sault Ste. Marie, St. Ignace, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and the straights. (McNichols to A.C.I.A, Nov.10, 1905 OIA-LR 90738-1905)

In fact, McNichols found that there were thousands of Michigan Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, many with full blood, that were living in various geographic locations with their chiefs. Based on this discovery, McNichol’s contacted Interior and suggested that the chiefs of each band be allowed to determine whether a particular person: (1) was or was not a member of their band, and (2) should or should not be included

on this new federal roll. The clear evidence of Indian lineage that McNichol’s had hoped to find in local records did not exist and McNichols felt that the certification of the Chief should be sufficient evidence for inclusion on the roll. (Larabee, Acting COIA to Sec. Of Interior, Nov. 10, 1905 OIA-LS Vol. C. 268:438)

While McNichols did perform some of the initial work, he failed to complete the roll by the time that he was appointed Superintendent of an Indian School in 1907. For this reason, he was replaced by Special Agent Horace Durant. Because Durant received few instructions on how he was to accomplish his task, he ultimately came up with his own plan which was very similar to the method McNichols had already begun. He started by requesting the most recent historic roll of the Ottawa & Chippewa’s, and he was told that the 1870 annuity payment was the last known roll. This 1870 annuity roll was 65 pages long. Each page included the name of the “chief” and a listing of heads of household, as well as the number of men, women and children paid in that band. Because some bands were larger in number, their payment lists sometimes covered two or even three pages. After reviewing this 1870 document Durant advised the Commissioner that:

An examination of the roll of 1870 shows the Ottawas and Chippewas to be divided into four bands, viz: Grand River, Traverse, Mackinac and Sault Ste. Marie, each sub-divided into smaller bands under as many chiefs, residing (in 1870) in certain localities in the State of Michigan.

The roll of 1870 contains the names of 1813 heads of families, and embraces 5774 persons. It will be observed, however, that on the roll of 1870 only names of the heads of families are given, other members of the families being designated merely by figures, showing the number of men, women and children in each family.

It is my purpose to complete the roll which I am directed to make by accounting for each head of family and person as found on the roll of 1870 and to enroll all such now living together with their lineal descendants. (NARG75, M2039, R4, 552-557, Durant to COIA, Oct.31, 1908)





While the 1870 annuity roll referenced four groups: the Sault St. Marie Bands, Mackinaw Bands, Traverse Bands, and Grand River Bands, Durant, using his own system, would ultimately divide the Indians from those four original groups into the various Bands which actually existed in 1910. It is Durant's modified lists of the members of each of these Bands that the Michigan Agency and the various Michigan Tribes still use today. In fact, many of the Michigan Bands actually use various pages of the Durant roll to determine if a person is eligible for membership in their Band.

Durant also found that many of these Bands had strong opinions about who was and was not a member of their tribal community. Durant noted this in his correspondence to the Commissioner on Indian Affairs.

Although the tribe and its bands are now dissolved there yet exists a custom to recognize certain of the older members as chief and headmen. These chiefs and headmen have protested to me and to the Office against the present enrollment of certain persons descendants of those half-breeds who were on the 1870 roll. They are willing to permit the enrollment of all those half breeds who are now living and who were enrolled in 1870, but not the children of such half-breeds. See their protest and my report thereon dated June 26, 1909. (NARG75, M2039, R4, 482-488, Durant to COIA)

In fact, when he attempted to collect the names of the various descendants of the 1870 annuitants, Durant ran into opposition from some of these bands and/or their chiefs, who protested his efforts to remove or include certain people [mostly mixed bloods] on the payment roll that he was preparing. In a letter which the Assistant Secretary wrote to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Assistant Secretary describes a report that he received from Durant.

His reports show that the various Indian communities and groups still recognize chiefs and headmen and to some extent have maintained their tribal organization notwithstanding the treaty of 1855 by which such organization was to be dissolved; that the provision made for their mixed bloods in 1870 was in the nature of a settlement of such rights in the tribe as they had; that the tribe is now willing generously to give again to those enrolled in 1870 a share in the tribal benefits. (NARG75, M2039, 808-815 COIA to Asst. Sec. Jan25, 1910)

Durant's report of October 28, 1909, also shows that he enrolled all of the descendants of those whose names were included on the 1870 roll (1613 persons, including mixed-blood children on the supplementary roll), and that he noted the names of those persons who the chiefs and headmen

had protested, by placing a red check mark next to their names. Durant's report also evidences the fact that he and the Commissioner recognized that there was no single large group of Ottawa and Chippewa, but several Bands in a variety of locations. Id.

In compiling his information, Durant visited from Band to Band, location to location and spoke with the councils and elders of each band to determine who they identified as the descendants of the 1870 annuitants. As Durant advised the Commission on Indian Affairs:

As most of the names on the roll of 1870 are of Indian origin the task of fully identifying such person and especially his or her descendants has been arduous. However, by holding council with the older men of the tribe in the localities where the bands and sub-bands formerly resided, I have been able upon their testimony to establish beyond a reasonable doubt nearly all the families enrolled in 1870 and with few exceptions have located their descendants. (NARG75, M2039, R4, 482-488, Durant to COIA, July 13, 1909)

Based on his findings, Durant did not group the several bands [or descendants of the persons whose names appeared on the 65 pages of the 1870 Annuity roll] into one Traverse, one Sault St. Marie, one Grand River or one Mackinaw unit. He instead recognized that the descendants of these bands were still living as separate communities, and he proceeded to identify each of these separate communities by their location or by the Ogema or Chief or in some cases by both.

The Little River Band's Article IV for membership criteria uses the 1870 Annuity Payroll of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and specific Chiefs listed on that roll. Additionally the Tribal Constitution cites that a person can be a member if they trace back to anyone who resided in four specific counties as listed in the 1908 Durant Roll:

#### ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 - Eligibility for Membership. An individual is eligible for membership in the Tribe, if he/she possesses at least one-fourth (1/4) degree Indian blood, of which at least one-eighth (1/8) degree must be Grand River Ottawa or Michigan Ottawa blood and:

(a) Is a lineal descendant of a member of the historic Grand River Bands who resided in Manistee, Mason, Wexford or Lake Counties in the State of Michigan, who was listed on the schedule of Grand River

Ottawa in the Durant Roll of 1908 as approved by the Secretary of the Interior on February 18, 1910; or,

(b) Is a lineal descendant of individuals listed on the 1870 Annuity Payrolls of Chippewas and Ottawas of Michigan listed under the following Ottawa Chiefs:  
Kewacushkum; Pay-quo-tush; Me-tay-wis; Shaw-be-quo-ung; Penayse; Kaw-gay-gaw-bowe; Maw-gaw-ne-quong; Ching-gawa-she; Aken Bell; and,

(c) Is not currently enrolled in any other federally recognized Indian Tribe, band, or group.



#### NEXT MONTH:

Find out how Agent Durant used the 1870 Ottawa and Chippewa Annuity payroll to prepare what we call the Durant Roll of 1908-1909, that being his list of living descendants of the 1870 Annuity.

## Attention:

Would you like to learn how to make regalia?  
Do you want to learn how to do beadwork?  
Are you interested in making moccasins?

### OR

Would you like to volunteer to teach others how to make regalia, a native craft technique or dance?

The Tribal Historic Preservation Department wants to know how many people would be interested in attending regalia class.

#### Proposed Schedule:

Twice a week from 6pm-9pm  
Classes would start in October 2008  
Confirmation of the classes would depend upon attendance, class interest, and funding.



If you are interested and would like to attend the classes or if you would like to volunteer to teach, please provide us with the following information for each interested individual:

1. Name
2. What you are interested in making/ learning.
3. Two days of the week that you would like the class to be held.
4. Contact information such as a phone number and/ or email address.

To sign up (student or volunteer), please contact the Tribal Historic Preservation Department at 1-888-723-8288 (toll-free) or 231-723-8288 or you may email your information to: JSam@lrboi.com

Please note that if sufficient interest is shown, the class information will be published and individuals will be notified. We will try our best to accommodate the majority of requests, but are unable to make any guarantees. Additionally, depending on the number of attendees, interest, and funding available, there may be a charge for supplies, but this will be unknown until the responses are received.

**Response Deadline:**  
**September 29, 2008**







# Language Camp

## *A Fun Weekend of Family, Language, Culture, and Camping!*

By: Jay Sam

Every year at the end of July, the Anishinaabe Language Camp has become an annual event. This year was no exception, but the event took on a new title: Family Wellness, Language, and Culture Weekend (with camping available). Despite the rising cost of gas, this year's event was attended by 600 participants from all over North America, including Oklahoma, Maryland, California, Texas, as well as Ontario and Saskatchewan, Canada to name a few.

The three-day weekend allowed attendees to experience and learn about black-ash basketry, hand-crafted cradleboards,

beading, medicine wheel teachings, harvesting wiingash (sweetgrass), the ever-popular Nabakanaage (Bingo) and Anishinaabe baseball, and much more. The evenings were entertaining with a talent show one night and a Jiingtamok on the other. A naming ceremony on Saturday added to the cultural learning and experiences.

Throughout the sunny weekend, our beautiful language could be heard all over the tribal gathering grounds. Children played in the sun, Elders visited while recalling memories and everyone laughed and enjoyed the fun-filled weekend.

Successful events are always courtesy of many helping hands and able-bodied volunteers. The Historic Preservation Department would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our many volunteers; your work and dedication is immeasurable! We also say "kchi-miigwech" to Little River Casino Resort for cooking the delicious meals; Ogema Romanelli, and Tribal Council, especially Councilor Crampton, for your continued support, also to the Grand Traverse Bay Band, the Little Traverse Bay Bands and Anishinaabemowin Teg for their support.



Take me to the River,  
Where my heart beats to the  
Rhythm of the pow wow drum.

Take me to the River,  
Where all my relations  
Laugh, sing, share and  
Hug.

Take me to the River,  
Where the sweet grass grows,  
The Sacred fire burns,  
And the stones carry memories.

Take me to the River,  
So that I can connect to Mother  
Earth,  
So that I can remember who  
I am.

Chi Megwetch,  
Little River Band.

Julie Fordham







# DRUM CLASS



The first drumming class took place last week at the Community Center building. Austen Brauker and Bill Memberto talked a bit about what the drum was all about and then the participants learned an honor song together. Most of the people were youth, but there were some adults there too, and everyone joined in as they learned about this special spiritual instrument. The Swirling Winds Drum came to life as each participant added their energy to the sacred heartbeat. There were more than a dozen kids singing and drumming



at the same time, shoulder to shoulder, keeping rhythm and trying their best to keep our traditions fresh and alive. It takes a lot of courage to learn something new and all these kids were very brave to take part in this drum session. The flute class will be this Wed. Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> and then drumming will be on the following Wednesday, alternating every other week. Thanks to all those who participated. Adult leaders are invited to share songs and teachings, so if you have some knowledge to share, please come and help our youth by giving them some new songs and new direction. Chi-Miigwetch, Austen Brauker.



## Drum



In Ojibwe, commonly referred to as "Tewikan".

In Odawa, it is referred to as "Adewege".

Without the drum, there would be no Pow wow.

People use different drums for various occasions. The Pow wow drum is a large drum, approximately one meter in diameter. It is the center of the Pow wow celebration that can be used to heal and unify all people.

The drum represents the circle of life. Some believe the drum to represent woman, the stick to represent man and when the two connect, they make the heartbeat of Mother Earth.

A drum is made of wood and hide, both natural materials. These materials represent honesty and sharing.

The wood comes from a tree. The tree gives life so that we can build the drum. The tree is also telling us where life comes from. Without the sun and the earth, there would be no trees - no life. The Anishinabe, the people, were lowered to this earth by the hand of the creator. The tree grows up toward the creator, the source of its life and all of the life on this earth. The hide is from an animal that gives its life for the drum and in this way, represents

the gift of sharing.

Once a drum has been made, it is usually given to an individual or a group. Certain people are given the responsibility or instructions in the making of the drum. It is never created as a craft or a toy. Before the drum can be sounded at a Pow wow it must be blessed through a special ceremony led by an elder or a group of elders. Once the ceremony has been completed, the drum may be sounded at any Pow wow.

There are usually four or more singers around the drum. A person is usually given the responsibility of caring for the drum. He is called the drum keeper or the drum carrier.

The drumbeat is described as the heartbeat of the people. The drum itself is regarded as a sacred object to be treated with respect. Each drum has a keeper to ensure that no one approaches it under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or shows disrespect by reaching across or setting things on it.



The Enrollment Department would like to let the Tribal Members know that we will be issuing **new Tribal ID cards** starting September 1<sup>st</sup>. Tribal Members can come in any time after the 1<sup>st</sup> to obtain their new ID. Our office is open Monday through Friday 8a.m.-5 p.m. The new cards will have an expiration date and the Tribal Member’s place of birth on them. We will have the ID machine at the Meet and Greet with the Ogema on September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Casino and the Membership meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup> which will also be at the Casino. The first ID card will be free, but any replacements will have a cost of \$5.00. If there are any question you can contact our office by calling (231) 398-6712 Diane A. Lonn, (231) 398-6713 Jessica Wissner, or (231) 398-6720 Julie Ramsey.

We have had a great response with Tribal Members updating their addresses, but we still have some members who still have undeliverable addresses. If you are on the list of undeliverable addresses or if you know someone’s address on this list please contact our office so we can get the appropriate paperwork sent out to them. The Tribal Members listed below **do not have** a current address on file with the Enrollment Department:

Adamczak Vincent Frank	Mackety Paul Woodrow	Taylor Allan Forrest	
Battice Phillip James	Minaker William James	Hannah Drake David	Teeters Luther Everett Freeman
Behling, II Harry Bruce	Nichols, Jr. Norman Neil	Hayes Catlyn Marie	Trevino Raymond Lee
Brandow Shayna Dean	Petts Michelle Dawn	Hewitt Wesley Ray	Tyler Jerry Scott
Brothers Jaclyn Christina	Pollard Logan James	Jenkins Anthony Wayne	Tyler Larry Dean
Cogswell, II Alex David	Rivera Celia Marie	Kleeman Amy Denise	Tyler Richard Wayne
Cogswell Randall Charles	Scott Barbara Lee	Korhorn Jack Raymond	Vizenor Knight Winterhawk
Dayton Gary Lee	Steele Nancy Anne	Kuchynka Jason Alan	Warren Heather Wynnona
Dean Richard Lawrence	Stires Eric Shane	Lakso, Jr. John Robert	Wheeler Veronica Barbara
Gonzalez Autumn Rain		LaPorte James Bishop	

## Manistee River Rascals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soapbox Derby

The Manistee River Rascals, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Soapbox Derby trophies have arrived from “Sports Ink.” You can take a look at the trophies; they are in the Peacemaking/ Probation Department, located at the Justice Center. The Peacemaking staff worked diligently in designing the trophies; also Sports Ink gave us their invaluable experience. But, let’s not forget about Lynn Vasquez, she was very helpful and a joy to work with. We created four trophies, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and “The Most Unique Car Design.” The 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy stands a whopping 45” tall. It would look good on your mantle. But remember you can’t win if you don’t have a soapbox derby car.



By  
Pat Wilson

You can go online at [www.manisteecountychamber.com](http://www.manisteecountychamber.com) and print the registration and other forms, and send them to  
Patrick D. Wilson  
Peacemaking/Probation Department 3031  
Domres Rd. Manistee Mi. 49660.

So, on race day, August 23, 2008 at 10:00 you can register. head on down to First Street to Seng’s lot, and join us for a day of racing fun. If you are coming to watch, race time is at 1:00 pm, and remember to bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

Shirley M. Brauker  
*Moon Bear Pottery and Indian Arts*  
  
She can be reached at  
[moonbear@cbpu.com](mailto:moonbear@cbpu.com)  
  
or you can visit her website  
<http://www.cbpu.com/moonbear>

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Custom ribbon shirts (any size)  
Skirts (any size)  
Shawl’s  
Quilts  
  
Other regalia per request  
Call Yvonne McShane @ 231-723-7250  
Email: [ymshkigwaasange@yahoo.com](mailto:ymshkigwaasange@yahoo.com)



318 River Street  
Manistee, Michigan  
49660  
(231) 398-9448

Mon-Fri 7am to 2pm  
Sat 8am-2pm  
Sun 9am to 1pm  
(serving breakfast all day on Sun)

## Muschigon Construction Board Openings

The Tribal Ogema, Larry Romanelli, is seeking Tribal Members interested in serving on the Muschigon Construction Board. One of the vacancies requires 2 years of construction project management experience. There are currently two seats open on the board. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema’s office.





# Chinook Salmon Consent Decree

## Fall Salmon Harvest in Streams and Rivers

Many opportunities exist for the harvest of salmon in streams and rivers including hook and line, spears, bows and hand nets. Under the 2007 Inland Consent Decree the LRBOI will continue regulating salmon harvest similar to years in the past. There are a few changes that fishers should familiarize themselves with.

### All locations besides the Little Manistee River:

The harvest of salmon will remain similar to last year. Hook and Line, spearing, bowfishing and handnet techniques may be used.

For hook-and-line fishing

- No permit or harvest reporting card is needed. Only possession of a valid Tribal ID.

For spears, bowfishing and handnets:

- Permits are not required but a harvest reporting card must be acquired from the LRBOI Natural Resources Department and must be returned within 7 days of harvest.
- 5 fish per day bag limit with a 12" minimum size limit.
- Spears are not allowed in 4 Upper Peninsula streams - Chocoday, Mosquito, Big Two hearted and Little Two Hearted. All other acceptable methods are allowed.
- Atlantic salmon shall not be speared in the Torch Lake watershed.

### Chinook Harvest on the Little Manistee River:

The Little Manistee River is an egg-take and salmon harvest facility operated by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The weir is used to block Chinook salmon so eggs can be collected. The eggs collected at the weir are sent to State Fish Hatcheries where they are raised and stocked all over Michigan. Eggs are also supplied to several other states. In the 2007 Inland Consent Decree the State and the Tribes agreed to protect the Chinook egg collection while maintaining Tribal harvest. Below the regulations and opportunities for the Little Manistee River Chinook salmon harvest are presented.

- From September 1<sup>st</sup> to November 14<sup>th</sup> spears and bows may be used to harvest salmon from 300' below the weir to the south end of Manistee Lake (See fishing regulations Table 6, Note 3 for specific locations). Hook and line may not be used in the Little Manistee River below the weir to harvest salmon *during this period*.
- Permits are required and can be acquired at the LRBOI Natural Resource Department. Reporting of harvest is required within 7 days of harvest
- There are weekly quotas established and permits will be allocated until the quota is met for the week.
- If/when the Michigan Department of Natural Resources meets its Chinook salmon egg take quota for the year the weekly quotas will be rescinded.
- Hook-and-Line fishing is closed in the southern end of Manistee Lake from September 6 through October 15 (See Fishing Regulations 6.04.G.2.b.).

Please contact the Natural Resources Department for more information:  
231-723-1594.

Community Healing starts with each individual and our relationships

### Tribal Family Gathering

Tribal Community Center  
September (TBD)  
5:30/6pm - till?  
Community Meal

Door	Meal provided	Guest
Prizes		Speaker

Organized by: The LRBOI Family Services Department  
Supported by: HHS Family Violence Awareness Grant

## Looking for a better job? Need help finding a job?

Please check the program descriptions at [www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)  
Department of Commerce  
Applications available on the LRBOI Website  
Or by calling 1-888-723-8288

Working to create opportunities for skill development and employment, to improve the general welfare of the Tribe and its citizens.

### The Department of Commerce administers the WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM!

The program includes:

- Internship for College Students-including wage or grant
- Employer Incentive Rebate Program
- Skill Development and Training Opportunities
- Career Assistance Voucher Program

The Department of Commerce has partnered with Area Agencies such as: MI Works! To ensuring that Members can access job seeker services where they live.

**L.R.B.O.I. Toll Free Job Hotline 1-866-556-5660**



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The Keys Change Hands!

This press announcement was delivered on Wednesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of July to a packed audience of reporters, local officials, realtors and others on the main floor of the Great Lakes Downs Racetrack in Muskegon:

“The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians announced today that it has made a major investment in the future of the Muskegon area with the purchase of the Great Lakes Downs and other property at the junction of I-96 and US 31.

Ogema (Tribal Chief) Larry Romanelli, himself a Muskegon businessman, issued a statement that said, “We are pleased to be able to make this investment in Western Michigan’s economy as it will help bring jobs, businesses and tourism to the area. This move is being made by the tribe as a commitment to serve a region that is part of our historic 9-county service area.”

The property is fronted by I-96

and Sternberg Road in Fruitport Township. The area is already a prime development center with much in the way of new business outlets and activity.

This investment of tribal funds is in keeping with Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholms’ announced goals for rejuvenation of the state and particularly with her and the region’s desires to increase their positioning of Muskegon as a major tourism destination site.

Romanelli added, “We are especially pleased to be in a position to work with a community and region that has expressed a strong desire to work with us for the mutual benefit of all our people.”

The Tribe is pursuing the establishment of a tribal casino in Muskegon and other economic development opportunities in the region. The tribal leadership is reviewing many possibilities and will release further development details as they are finalized.

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians already operates the highly successful Little River Casino Resort located just north of Manistee. This operation funnels millions of dollars into the local economy and provides many jobs for area residents. Currently, the property is the largest employer in Manistee County with over 1000 full-time jobs.

The Tribe currently has approximately 664 tribal members living in the greater Muskegon area.

LRBOI was re-affirmed by Congress and President Bill Clinton in 1994 as a sovereign tribal nation. It opened the Little

River Casino Resort in 1999 and has undergone two major expansions of that facility since that date. It now offers a 1700 seat entertainment center, full conference facilities, a 100-space RV park and three restaurants along with 294 guest rooms offering conveniences found at major casinos around the country, all in a beautiful Northwoods setting.”

Ogema Romanelli, Director Memberto and Council member Hardenburgh continued answering questions from the media for approximately 45 minutes, including some side interviews, clarifying points of interest for news audiences.

One key theme that came up was that the Tribe is investing in the future of the area as well as the Tribe. Economic development above and beyond the casino will ensure an improved economic future for the Tribe, Muskegon and the State of Michigan. Indeed, the Governor’s office has already expressed support for the investment in Muskegon as a region that desperately needs some economic good news. A few days after the announcement, Muskegon County held a unanimous vote of support for the project and indications from Fruitport Township are that they will likewise support the development.

The tribal officials were also asked about the possibility of two other tribes building casinos in the City of Muskegon. Two tribes, the historical but unrecognized Grand River Tribe and the Lac Vieu Desert in February had expressed interest in building gaming facilities in the city. For

various reasons, which were explained once again by Director Memberto, Little River is the logical best choice for the casino because we already have federal tribal responsibility for Muskegon County; have government offices there and have a concentration of tribal members living in the area. Memberto said, “LRBOI stands the best chance of successfully establishing a casino in Muskegon!” He added that, “Our purchase of this land also gives us a better position from which to proceed. We don’t just have options on the property, we own it!”

Other questions concerning the economic viability of another casino in the region came up. Demographic and Market analysis quoted by Memberto showed that the Muskegon region is underserved by the gaming industry right now. The tribal officials admitted that the Muskegon location will have an affect on the Little River Casino Resort in Manistee, but alluded to the move of the existing casino to become more of a leisure destination and entertainment resort combined with cross-marketing by both facilities as ways to minimize the impact.

Establishment of the Muskegon Casino will also give LRBOI exposure to more of the middle and southern portions of the state than are currently being served through Little River Casino at this time. In addition, the Muskegon area is already a destination site for people from the Chicago area and other out-of-state visitors.

“Article by Glenn Zaring”



Memberto at Press Conference



Ogema and Council with the Keys to Great Lakes Downs



Romanelli at Press Conference



Tribal Officials at Conference.

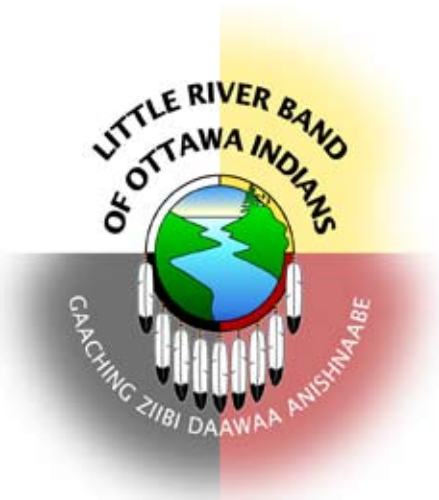




Grand Stand North View



Jockey Quarters



Grand Stand



Jockey Club

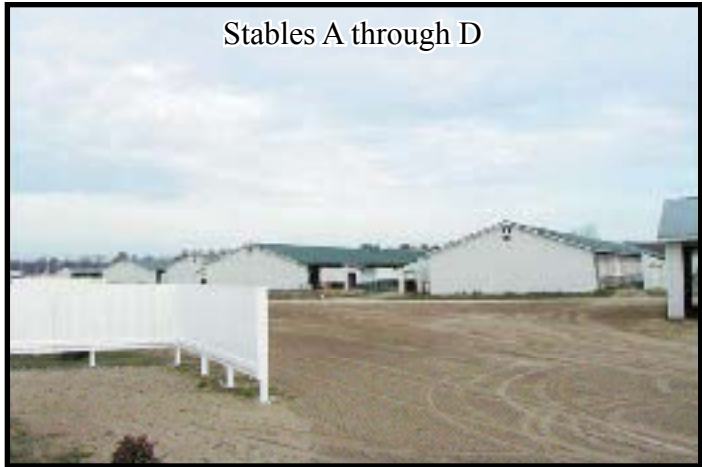
## What others are saying

By the day after the announcement of the LRBOI investment in Muskegon, the purchase was the third top story in gaming news. Over the weekend, everyone got into the act, but over 80% of the comments were positive! Here are some of those comments:

Muskegon Chronicle July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008 “Roll ‘em! Finally, the wheel of fortune has spit the ball into the perfect real estate slot for a Muskegon County casino payoff. The former Great Lakes Downs racetrack in Fruitport Township is a winning site choice, as we see it. “(Comments from some of the blogs):

“It is about time this happened to Muskegon County, In a survey several years ago, Muskegon had the most travelers that went to outstate casinos instead of keeping the money right here. The thought of a 1000 extra jobs in the area is one we all should look at as a positive thing. How can anyone see this as a negative? Thanks Little River Band for finally seeing that Muskegon County is a natural place to build in. Just think, the Great Lakes Ferry FULL at the time. A place for out of town travelers to come and the expansion of other businesses because of this move. I am finally happy to call Muskegon my home again. Best of Luck!”

“It’s a wonderful thing to happen to this area, not to mention the state of Michigan. Just look at the jobs it will create and the money it will generate for this area. The ones who complain about the casino will be the first ones in line when they open the doors. GET OVER IT!!!!”



Stables A through D



Grand Stand South East View



Signage

“When you begin a great work you can’t expect to finish it all at once; therefore, do you and your brothers press on and let nothing discourage you until you have entirely finished what you have begun.”

--Teedyuschung, DELAWARE

All things have their seasons. All thoughts are real. We must think to cause action and each action creates results. Big visions require many thoughts. It takes a series of thoughts to create a series of actions. A series of actions creates a series of results. These results are what makes vision become real. If we are here to serve the Creator then we can expect to be accomplishing big visions. How do we do this:  
One step at a time.

Let me focus on what needs to be done today. Give me clear thoughts to accomplish the results that you, my Creator, would have me accomplish.



Marquee





# Tribe invests in the future!



I am proud as a tribal member, and as a council member, that we are aggressively seeking a second site for a casino in Muskegon, Mi Area.

The Little River Band's purchase of the Great Lakes Downs property was our first major step in building a class 3 casino in Muskegon Mi. Our purchase of other parcels in the surrounding area will likewise provide

economic development that will secure the tribes future.

The time is right! Negotiations have been falling into place like pieces of a puzzle! The Muskegon area government officials are in support of our endeavor, as well as Governor Jennifer Granholm. I personally had a conversation with the governor and she is elated that the Little River Band is going to bring economic growth to the MuskegonArea.

Governor Granholm, as well as the Muskegon Area Government officials, stated that they would be in corroboration with us in any way that is needed. They are in great anticipation of making the proposed casino in Muskegon a reality! This proposed endeavor will provide hundreds of employment opportunities for tribal members, as well as others in the Muskegon Area. A referendum vote was taken in 2003 from Muskegon area residents on their thoughts of a casino in Muskegon.

The votes were definitely favorable! I am also very proud that we, as a tribe, are moving forward in efforts to provide additional economic growth to benefit our members! Additional revenue coming into our member's households will stimulate financial security for the family, as well as the communities in which they live.

Sincerely,  
Robert Hardenburgh

## How the Fly saved the River

Many, many years ago when the world was new, there was a beautiful river. Fish in great numbers lived in this river, and its water was so pure and sweet that all the animals came there to drink.

A giant moose heard about the river and he too came there to drink. But he was so big, and he drank so much, that soon the water began to sink lower and lower.

The beavers were worried. The water around their lodges was disappearing. Soon their homes would be destroyed.

The muskrats were worried, too. What would they do if the water vanished? How could they live?

The fish were very worried. The other animals could live on land if the water dried up, but they couldn't.

All the animals tried to think of a way to drive the moose from the river, but he was so big that they were too afraid to try. Even the bear was afraid of him.

At last the fly said he would try to drive the moose away. All the animals laughed and jeered. How could a tiny fly frighten a giant moose? The fly said nothing, but that day, as soon as the moose appeared, he went into action.

He landed on the moose's foreleg and bit sharply. The moose stamped his foot harder, and each time he stamped, the ground sank and the water rushed in to fill it up. Then the fly jumped about all over the moose, biting and biting and biting until the moose was in a frenzy. He dashed madly about the banks of the river, shaking his head, stamping his feet, snorting and blowing, but he couldn't get rid of that pesky fly.

At last the moose fled from the river, and didn't come back.

The fly was very proud of his achievement, and boasted to the other animals, "Even the small can fight the strong if they use their brains to think."

## Planning Department

The Planning Department is currently working on the LRBOI Long Range Transportation Plan and would like for you to review the preliminary goals to guide the plan.

Please feel free to comment and make suggestions on items that you feel are important to improving transportation systems.

You can download the full survey by going to:

[www.lrboi.com](http://www.lrboi.com)

or call and request a survey at: (231) 398-6866

You may also mail a request for a survey:

Jeanie Gibson

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Planning Department

375 River Street

Manistee, MI 49660



Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Long-Range Transportation Plan  
Preliminary Goals and Objectives  
July 8, 2008

### Preliminary Goals and Objectives for the LRBOI Long-range Transportation Plan

The purpose of a long-range transportation plan (LRTP) is to demonstrate a tribe's transportation needs and fulfill tribal goals by developing strategies to meet these needs. The strategies should address future land use, economic development, traffic demand, public safety, and health and social needs. The development of a LRTP includes an investigation of transportation related items, such as an evaluation of the full range of transportation modes, trip generation studies of existing roads in the inventory, prioritization of transportation needs based on the existing transportation improvement program and community input, and analysis of funding alternatives. Furthermore, the intent of the LRTP is to develop a transportation plan which maximizes the safety of the LRBOI's overall transportation system and the efficiency of roadways within the reservations and service area through adequate roadway improvements which are built upon realistic financial planning and engineering feasibility and involve the least amount of disruption to existing and planned land uses as well as the natural and cultural environment.



## MEMBERS ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT



The Members Assistance Department is working on the grant application for the FY09 LIHEAP Program. There is funding left in the FY08 grant. These funds must be obligated by September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have not already accessed this program and are experiencing a heating crisis please contact the Members Assistance Department. Please note that the program provides for several sources of heat.

### Program Information

#### \*LIHEAP

( Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)

-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level and available funding.

**-Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents with young children.**

- Household receiving SSI benefits, Food Stamps or VA benefits

Family Size	150% FPIG	Eligibility is based on 3 months income prior to application
1	\$15,600	\$3,900
2	\$21,000	\$5,250
3	\$26,400	\$6,600
4	\$31,800	\$7,950
5	\$37,200	\$9,300
6	\$42,600	\$10,650
7	\$48,000	\$12,000
8	\$53,400	\$13,350

Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated February 11, 2008

**Please contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information and/or to request an application.**

Amber Moore – Intake Clerk




Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk

Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator




Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288

Fax 231-398-6748

### The Alcohol Impact Quilt Project



Miigwetch to all who came together to work on this beautiful quilt!



The Alcohol Impact Quilt Project (AIQP) is a collection of stories, memorials and statements about the negative impact that alcohol has had on communities.

\*We are currently working on a quilt for our tribal nation to be apart this special tribute. We still need atleast 72 one foot by one foot panels to have our own Little River Quilt ! \*

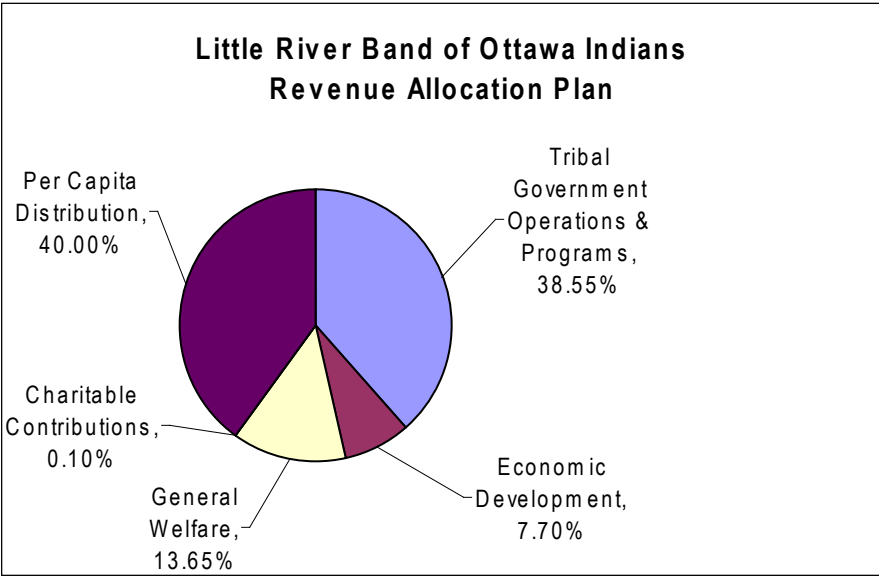
*Photos submitted by: Julie Wolfe Be-Da-Bin Youth Prevention*





## Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Revenue Allocation Plan

The chart below illustrates the allocation percentages designated for each category per the Revenue Allocation Plan.



**Per the LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN – Approved by Tribal Council Resolution 08-0123-20**

**Section 2. Purpose**

2.02. The RAP shall allocate revenues generated by the Tribe’s gaming enterprises towards the following purposes; the funding of tribal government operations and programs, providing for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members, the promotion of the Tribe’s economic development, donations to charitable organizations and per-capita distributions to tribal members.

**Question and Answer – Per Capita Payments**

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians  
Members Assistance Department  
375 River Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

**1. Q. Who is the contact for questions about the Per Capita payments?**

A. The Members Assistance Department will assist you with questions or direct you to the department or agency who can better answer your questions. Phone: 231-723-8288 or Toll Free 888-723-8288.

**2. Q. How will the tribe know where to mail the payment?**

A. The checks are mailed to the last known address on file with the Enrollment Department. If you plan to move or have moved, contact the Enrollment Department for a Change of Address Form.

**3. Q. What if I have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment?**

A. If you have a different address than what is on file with Enrollment you must contact Enrollment for an Address Correction Form. All address changes are reported to the Members Assistance Department and Accounting Department for check processing purposes. If you have not updated your information, this could result in a delay in receiving a payment. Returned UNDELIVERABLE mail is reported to the Enrollment Department. In the event a total of three (3) mailings of any kind are returned to the tribe, any further mailings stop until the member contacts the tribe to update their information.

**4. Q. What if I do not receive the check in the mail or it is lost?**

A. Contact the Members Assistance Department to assist you.

**5. Q. Are Per Capita Payments Taxable?**

A. Yes, The tribe is obligated to notify you that Per Capita payments are subject to federal taxation. Per Capita is taxable income and the taxes assessed depend on your income bracket and location. The Tribe will automatically deduct applicable taxes from the per capita payments if they meet the Internal Revenue Services threshold that would require the withholding. The payments may also be subject to state tax if you do not live in the tax agreement area. All Per Capita payments will be reported on the appropriate tax form and mailed to you by Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. We encourage you to contact a tax preparer for further tax questions.

**6. Q. Who is eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?**

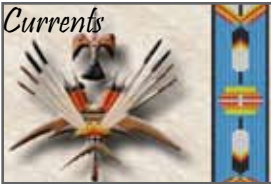
A. Per the *Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8.03 Per Capita Distribution Eligibility subsection (ii)* be enrolled in the Tribe no later than the last day of two fiscal quarters previous. For example, to be eligible to receive per capita distribution in the fiscal quarter four (4) of the fiscal year, a qualified tribal member would need to have been enrolled with the tribe by no later than the last day of fiscal quarter two (2) of that fiscal year.

Fiscal Quarters 2008
(1) January thru March
(2) April thru June
(3) July thru September
(4) October thru December

**7. Q. What are the age groups for Per Capita Payments?**

A. Elders Age 55 and older and Adults Age 18 to 54. – Per the *Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8.03 Per Capita Distribution Eligibility subsection (iii)* - A tribal member’s age, for purposes of per capita made pursuant to the Revenue Allocation Plan, shall be determined by the tribal member’s age on the last day of two fiscal quarters previous. For example, (USING THE CHART ABOVE) to be considered 18 or elder age 55 in fiscal quarter four (4) of the fiscal year, a tribal member would need to have turned 18 or 55 no later than the last day of the fiscal quarter two (2) of that fiscal year.





# Members Assistance Department

**8. Q. Are minor Tribal Members eligible to receive Per Capita Payments?**

**A.** No- Tribal members under the age of 18 shall not be eligible to receive per capita distributions.

**9. Q. What will the tribe do with Per Capita payments that are not claimed?**

**A.** See *Revenue Allocation Plan Section 8 (b) Use of Net Gaming Revenues: Individual Per Capita Distributions*- Any net gaming revenues allocated for the purpose of funding per capita distributions that have not been expended on the last date of the fiscal year shall be reallocated to tribal investments.

**10. Q. How are Per Capita payments disbursed by age group? Amounts are an EXAMPLE and should not be misinterpreted as the amount that will be disbursed. Amounts will vary depending on net gaming revenues generated.**

**A.** Payment amounts are determined by a point system. Adults age 18 to 54 receive 1 point and Elders Age 55 and older receive 2 points. **Example:** Using the chart below the calculation for Elders is the point schedule multiplied by the number of Elders (**2 x 715=1430**). From this number the Allocation Percentage is calculated by using the points divided by the total of both groups points (**1430 / 3929 = .3639603 OR 36.40%**). From this percentage the Revenue Share is calculated by using the Net Gaming Revenue multiplied by the Allocation % (**\$2,500,000 x 36.40% = \$909,900.74**).

The Revenue Share is then divided by the number of Elders (**\$909,900.74 / 715 = \$1,272.59**)

-Example Only-							Quarter Payment
Net Gaming Revenue	Age Group	Point Schedule	Members	Points	Allocation %	Revenue Share	
\$2,500,000.00	18 to 54 Yrs	1	2499	2499	63.60%	\$1,590,099.26	\$636.29
	55 and Older	2	715	1430	36.40%	\$909,900.74	\$1,272.59
<b>Total</b>			3214	3929	100%	\$2,500,000.00	

**11. Q. Can Per Capita payments be garnished?**

**A.** Yes, Per Capita distributions may be withheld to satisfy any court ordered judgment obtained by the tribe against the qualified tribal member or to satisfy court ordered child support obligations. Any amount remaining after satisfaction of the court ordered judgment or child support obligation shall be distributed to the qualified tribal member in accordance with the provisions of the Revenue Allocation Plan.

**12. Q. Can the payment be electronically deposited into a checking or savings account?**

**A.** Yes, by completing the direct deposit form the payment may be deposited to the qualified tribal member's bank account. Contact the Members Assistance Department or Payroll to request the form and instructions.

**13. Q. Can state and/or federal assistance programs be affected by Per-Capita payments?**

**A.** The Tribe cannot provide guidance for all the agencies that require you to report a change in income. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning your specific questions about income based assistance programs.

**14. Q. Can a member refuse these payments?**

**A.** If the Tribal member meets the eligibility requirements of the Revenue Allocation Plan they will receive per capita payments. Many agencies will count these payments as available income to you even if you refuse the payments. We encourage you to contact the agency office for further information concerning these payments.

**15. Q. Will Per Capita payments be the same amount each time?**

**A. No.** The payments will vary depending on the amount of net gaming revenues generated each quarter. The Revenue Allocation Plan allocates 40% of the net gaming revenues to per capita payments. The revenue allocation plan sets forth the amount the tribe can disburse to tribal members. The payments are made quarterly from the gaming revenues generated.

**16. Q. Are the Per Capita payments considered income?**

**A.** Many agencies count per capita payments as income. For further information contact the agency office with specific questions you may have.

The Members Assistance Department is requesting input for the development and planning for the FY2009 LIHEAP Plan.

LIHEAP is a Federally-funded program that helps low-income households with their home energy bills. LIHEAP can help households stay warm in the winter. By doing so, can reduce the risk of health and safety problems (such as illness, fire, or eviction). The federal government does not provide energy assistance directly to the public. Instead, LIHEAP operates in the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, and the U.S.territories. The program assists members residing in the 9 county service areas.

A short survey was prepared to assist with the planning for FY2009. The information collected will assist with how funding will be allocated for heating and crisis assistance as well as broadening the scope of the assistance that can be provided through this program. Currently the funding is allocated by percentage to heating assistance and crisis assistance. Both areas of assistance are been beneficial to households with elders, young children and are with the lowest incomes with the highest energy burden.

Your input would be greatly appreciated and is very important to the future of this program. If you are interested in participating in the short survey of information please contact the Members Assistance Department 888-723-8288.

Thank-you,

Lee A. Ivinson  
Members Assistance Coordinator





## *Call For Elders: to participate in an "Elder's Peacemaking Circle"*

The Peacemaking/Probation Department is yet again requesting the wisdom of our Tribal elders to help us in the formation of an elders circle. Many of you who have expressed an interest have also had a lot of questions in regard to things such as: What will be expected of volunteers? What will happen at these Elder's Circles? What qualifications are necessary? When will the circles take place? Where will they be? But probably most importantly: Will we get paid? and: Will there be any coffee? To answer the most important question first: Yes, there will be coffee. Unfortunately, we have no money in our budget to pay volunteers for their time. This is something that may or may not happen in the future, depending on the changing nature of the funding climate. Peacemaking circles will take place at the Tribal Justice Center on Domres Rd, but there has been no established time or day of the week, until we get enough participants. The Elders will decide these matters for themselves. There are no qualifications or requirements for participation in the circle, apart from being an Elder in the Tribe, being a positive role model and wanting to do something good to help

the community. There will be no mandatory background checks, but anyone who has a history of violent crimes, crimes against children or criminal sexual misconduct should reconsider whether or not this is the right circle for them. They will be politely advised not to participate, unless the Elder's Circle itself feels that the person does not pose a threat due to rehabilitation, special circumstances or length of time since the crime occurred. The circle is not meant to be exclusionary but also must provide a safe environment for participants. Sometimes the best wisdom comes from people who have been there themselves and know what its like to need help. The Elder's Circle will completely govern their own affairs once the group gains its own momentum. The purpose of this circle is to act as an advisory council for Tribal Members who need help staying on the right path. It is a place where wrongdoers have to humble themselves before the experience and wisdom of our Elders. The Elders will ask the wrongdoer to explain themselves, to tell them why they have committed the crime and what the person thinks will help them to heal. This is an opportunity for the wrongdoer to see that they are part of a community and that

their actions have an effect on everyone in that community. It gives them a personal, face-to-face, humbling experience that will hopefully lead to a change from their negative behavior. Elders will let the wrongdoer know how the person's actions have made them feel personally, about what their crime means to the community, about what the wrongdoer may need to do to make things right, but most of all, to make the wrongdoer know that they are worthy of being helped, that they belong to the community, and that there is hope for them. Elders can do this through stories, personal experiences, direct suggestions or whatever they feel will reach the individual and help them to become whole again. Elders might suggest restitution, community service, a letter of apology or referral to any number of Tribal services that are available. The circle process is all about healing. Traditionally, a talking feather will be used and each person will have a chance to speak, going around the circle as many times as is necessary, even scheduling additional

sessions if the circle needs more time. Recommendations of the Elder's Circle will be reviewed by Peacemaking/Probation, the Prosecuting Attorney and the Tribal Judge in determining what a person might require for possible Court sentencing. The circle is open to any Tribal Elder who feels that they might have something to offer in this healing process. Differing opinions and backgrounds will only make the circle stronger. If you feel that this might be something that you would be interested in, please contact our Department.

Thank you.

Austen J. Brauker, Peacemaking/Probation Assistant.

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## *Going in Circles*

By Austen J. Brauker

We are never outside of a circle. As much as we might try to detach and absorb ourselves within the modernized world, we are always a part of the natural scheme, a pattern of designs greater than ourselves. Great moving circles. Inside of all matter, everything that appears to have substance, the tiny particles known as atoms behave in a circular motion. Their electric shells spin at the speed of light and give these atoms the illusion of solidity. The electric circles of one atom interact with those of their neighbors, creating an essence of validity, until we perceive them in our big human brains as being something whole. We can only *imagine* that they actually have substance! All solid things are actually composed of hollow spaces that only *seem* to be real: Tornadoes. Ocean currents. Sweat lodges. Pow-wow dancers. The double helix spiral of our D.N.A. All things in nature travel this way. Mother Earth is a sphere, traveling on an ellipse, spinning like a top while she circles the sun. The constellations make their rounds, traversing from one end of the nighttime sky to the other. Each heavenly body obeys, moving in this circular manner: entire galaxies, comets, planets and even

the inescapable horizon of black holes. A butterfly flaps its wings as a hurricane forms on the opposite side of the Earth. Everything moves in circles. Think about the belly of an expecting mother, the womb, the circulating blood, her breath fueling the baby with a rhythmic circular cadence to the heartbeat drum. Everything moves in circles. We can probably think of hundreds of examples of the circle shape in nature, right off the top of our heads. This is one way our ancestors were able to learn what they knew about the world. They built lodges in the shapes of circles, the strongest shape found in nature, and lived inside them, well protected within these sapling wombs, telling stories that in turn flowed in great circles, from the voices of elders, flowing outward and fueling the minds of the next generations, in the great living cycle of oral traditions. They looked around and thought about what they saw. There was no magic pixilated box full of moving pictures to tell them what reality was. Our ancestors had insight and wisdom of their own making. Circles can be healing and inclusive. They can be comforting and strong. They can teach. All

things are interconnected and the wisdom of the circle shows us this. Everything that we do affects everyone and everything around us, even things that don't appear to be outwardly connected. The butterfly beats its wings. Divisions are merely arbitrary marking points, descriptions of where one thing begins and another ends. These are illusions created by words. Nothing can be separate. Let us apply the idea of circles to our lives and begin to see how we are connected to all things. Our actions form ripples that extend out from our behavior like a stone thrown into a pond. Long after the stone sinks the effect of its passing can be observed in circles, radiating outward from the event like concentric tracks in time. What we do in the world today will affect future generations long after we are gone. We must look to the idea of the circle to heal our Nation, our children and each one of our Tribal membership. It is a vital part of our culture to come together in this way and share our ideas, experiences and concerns. Within the circle no one is greater than anyone else. Everyone has a say and is respected for being

exactly who they are.

Are there any of you willing to step into the circle and share with others?

We need to heal as a Tribe, as individuals, as spiritual beings who are sharing this dream of reality. The journey starts with a single step, coming together with love and respect to be part of the solution, part of the healing circle. The Peacemaking/Probation Department will be establishing some of these circles, elders circles, talking circles, drum circles and maybe even eventually the formation of sentencing circles. If you are interested in becoming part of the healing power of circles, please give us a call. We are looking for volunteers to become Peacemakers; for people to participate in our different programs. Come and join in with this expanding universe.

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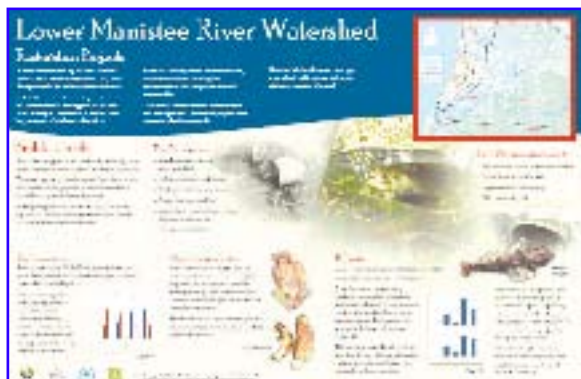
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The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Natural Resources Department is proud to announce the 5<sup>th</sup> annual nmé (lake sturgeon) release ceremony from the Streamside Rearing Facility. The ceremony will include a traditional drum ceremony along with tours and informational posters about lake sturgeon and the facility. The event will conclude with the release of sturgeon into the Big Manistee River. A new kiosk located outside the facility will have information describing the Streamside Rearing Facility and watershed restoration efforts in the area. The day will also include sticker giveaways and smoked sturgeon for people to taste. Sturgeon have historically been utilized by people from the Great Lakes as a source of food. Because sturgeon in Michigan are rare, the smoked sturgeon will be from

harvestable populations outside of the state. The release will be held at the Streamside Rearing Facility, located at the U.S. Forest Service Rainbow Bend access site, on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm. For more information please call the LRBOI Natural Resources Department at 231-723-1594.



## Big Manistee River Restoration Signs



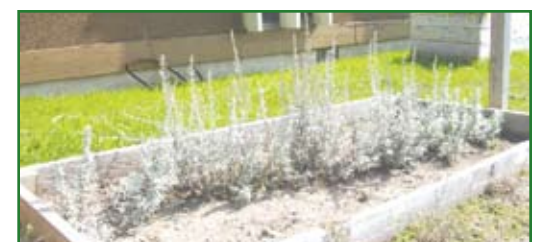
For the past 5 years numerous restoration projects have been implemented in the Big Manistee River Watershed. Throughout this time a collaborative effort to monitor these practices for effectiveness has been underway. With the combined funding and support of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Grand Valley State University and the U.S. Forest Service, twelve restoration sites have been implemented and monitored. At five sites within the watershed interpretive signs have been placed in an effort to keep the community informed about river restoration and its benefits to the resource.



## Wildlife Program News

### Medicinal Plants

- The Wildlife program has been very active in propagating Tribal medicinal and cultural plants. Sweetgrass, sage, and tobacco have been raised at the Natural Resources Department. A limited amount of these plants are available on a first-come first-serve basis to Tribal Members to transplant to their own medicinal gardens. Please contact the Natural Resources Department for these items at 1-231-723-1594.
- Ricing season is here. Wild rice has a narrow window of opportunity for harvest. If you are interested in details about this opportunity please call the Natural Resources Department at 1-231-723-1594.



### Wildlife Check Station

Once again, the Wildlife Check Station will be opening in time for the fall harvest season. The Wildlife staff will check deer, otter, and bobcat. For the first time, bear will be checked at the LRBOI station with biological information collected as required by regulations.





Food distribution Program ( FDPIR ) was created by congress in 1977 Food Stamp Act as an alternative to the Food Stamp Program for Indian Reservations. The program offers commodities to low income Native American households. No household may participate in both the commodity food program and food stamp program, but eligible households can switch from one program to the other at the end of each month. Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification.. In determining who is eligible for the program. We are federally funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for the commodity program.

Food Distribution Program On Indian Reservations  
Net Monthly Income Standards

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2	\$ 1,275.00
3	\$ 1,565.00
4	\$ 1,864.00
5	\$ 2,178.00
6	\$ 2,492.00
7	\$ 2,782.00
8	\$ 3,972.00
9	

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Office numbers are 231-398-6715 or 231-398-6716

## Diabetic Health *Exchange Lists*

**Exchange lists** are lists of foods that are grouped together because they are alike. One serving of all foods on the same list has the same amount of carbohydrate, fat, protein, and calories. Learning what is included in each exchange list can assist with making healthy meal choices and getting the appropriate balance of food in the diet. **Exchange lists include:**

- **Starch exchange list:** bread, tortillas, rice, cereal, pasta, beans, crackers, corn, potatoes, and other starchy vegetables.
- **Fruit exchange list:** berries, grapes, melons, apples, fruit juices, raisin and other dried fruits.
- **Milk exchange list:** milk, yogurt, buttermilk, dried milk, and evaporated milk.
- **Sugar exchange list:** regular soda/pop, jelly, jam, syrup, cakes, cookies, ice cream, and pudding.
- **Vegetable exchange list:** green beans, peppers, lettuce, carrots, zucchini, celery, broccoli, and vegetable juice.
- **Meat and meat substitute list:** beef, pork, chicken, fish, cheese, wild game, peanut butter, and eggs.
- **Fat exchange list:** sour cream, salad dressing, cooking oil, mayonnaise, cream cheese, butter, and margarine.
- **Free food exchange list:** broth, bouillon, coffee, tea, sugar substitute, spice, herbs, mustard, and diet soda/pop.

A healthy meal includes foods from each exchange list. The amount of food may vary within the food exchange list and it is important to read labels, weigh, and measure to assure you are getting the appropriate portion size.

## Wheeler takes over as CFO

This month it was announced that Steve Wheeler, a long-time tribal employee in Accounting is taking over the reins as the Chief Financial Officer for the Tribal Government.

Steve has been with the Tribal Government since August of 2003 when he was hired as Controller in the Finance department. Prior to that time he was the Accounting Manager at Little River Casino Resort. Steve was hired at the end of June, 1999, and had about 3 weeks to hire an accounting staff and prepare for opening. He left the Casino in July of 2003 to take the Controller position with the

Government. He has worked for the Tribe for 9 years overall.

Wheeler is a CPA, and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Ferris State University, 1987. He graduated from Manistee High School in 1983, and has been a citizen of Manistee County all his life. After graduation from Ferris, he worked for a small CPA firm in Manistee for a little over 2 years, then worked as a Senior Accountant, then, Financial Analyst at West Shore Medical Center from Early 1990, until he left to go to work for the Casino in 1999. He has over 20 years experience working in the Accounting field.

When asked about his future goals, Steve told Currents that, "For the future, my goal is to continue the great service that the Finance department provides to the Tribal Government and Tribal Citizens, and continually work to implement improvements in our financial reporting and cash and investment management. None of this would be possible without the dedicated and experienced staff of the Financial Departments of our Tribal Government."







## Valerie gets Grants Certification!



Congratulations to Valerie Chandler, tribal citizen and employee of the Tribal Historic Preservation Department! Valerie has recently completed the Grants Management Certificate Program through Management Concepts. Back in January of this year, we showcased 12 other employees that completed the certificate program. Everyone who did complete the program took their last course last September, but because Valerie was on medical leave, she wasn't able to take her last course until this past June. In order to receive certification, staff members were required to attend 7 courses and successfully pass testing throughout a 3-year period. The training courses included: Applying for Federal Grants, Managing Federal Grants, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, Audit of Federal Grants, Financial Administration of Federal Grants, and Understanding National Policy Requirements. Congratulations Valerie on a job well done!

## Report on the unique visitors to Anishinaabemdaa.com

December unique visitors – 3394  
January unique visitors – 3255  
February unique visitors – 4018  
March (first week) - 1142

The hits are coming mainly from outside the search engines (**no referrer**). Meaning that people either have the site in their favorites list or they are typing it into the browser and going directly to the site (not using a search engines). Google Canada and Google US are the second most popular source of visits to the site. I have listed all of the referring websites below and the order of the list is an average of the last 3 months.

- No referrer
- Google.com (USA)
- Google.ca (Canada)
- Myspace.com (various private pages that are linked to the site or referring the site)
- MSN and Yahoo (almost a tie)
- LRBOI.com
- AOL.com

One other site that is consistently sending people to the site is a French website called [tales-of-blue-moon-aceboard.fr](http://tales-of-blue-moon-aceboard.fr). The site is done completely in French, so I do not know what they are saying or even what type of site it is. But every week there are people coming into the site from links on this website.

*"Information provided by Tribal Historical Department"*

### Tribal Government Internships

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A few weeks ago Little River Band Education Department applied for and received designation of the Mdaamnaaboo Ktigan (Corn Soup Garden) community garden as an official Monarch Waystation.

Since 2000 we have sponsored Memengwaahns Zhaawanong Wii Biziwok (Butterflies Will Fly South), a Monarch butterfly rearing project. In this project students raise monarch caterpillars, observe their metamorphosis from a caterpillar to a chrysalis to a butterfly. Students then bring their adult butterflies in where they determine their sex, measure their wings, weigh them, and apply a numbered tag to their lower wings. This tag is provided (as are the original baby caterpillars) through the University of Kansas' Monarch Watch project, which studies the life-cycle and complex migration of monarch butterflies. Unbelievably, these monarchs

will migrate all the way to the mountains of Mexico where they overwinter, returning in the spring. They will die before the end of summer, but they have generations of babies along the way. The summer generations of butterflies have only a short lifespan, but there are several generations that are produced during that time. The final summer generation, emerging as butterflies in August, are the great-great grandchildren of the monarchs who returned from Mexico. These monarchs are the generation that will live long enough to migrate. They will travel back to Mexico, amazingly to the same location, and often the exact same tree, to overwinter where their great-great grandparents overwintered the year before and migrate back in the spring.

These monarchs migrate thousands of miles, and along the way they must sustain themselves. With the monarch's necessary migration habitat shrinking,

groups like Monarch Watch are trying to make sure that this epic natural migration can be sustained and that the population of monarch butterflies will survive. They have identified specific criteria that are necessary to meet the needs of these butterflies and their great migration. They are encouraging individuals and organizations to develop and maintain healthy butterfly habitats throughout the distance of the migration. If a prospective habitat meets the requirements it can be officially designated as a Monarch Waystation.

Since the start of the butterfly project, the milkweed plants growing in the parking areas and other locations around the Tribal Administration Building have been preserved, and currently there are numerous healthy milkweed plants of at least two species. The Mdaamnaaboo Ktigan, with its appropriate size,

its flowering, nectar-bearing plants, use of composting and organic gardening methods, prohibition of insecticides, and its abundant protective areas for monarchs, meets or exceeds the Monarch Watch organizations criteria for designation as an official Monarch Waystation.

We have received a certificate of appreciation for our ability to provide this habitat and are honored to become Monarch Waystation 2259. We will be placing a beautiful Waystation designation site sign at Mdaamnaaboo Ktigan as part of the annual Monarch tag and release fly-off which will happen some time around the 25<sup>th</sup> of August.

Monarch Watch encourages organizations and individuals to take part in this effort. If you are a gardener and you are interested in developing a Monarch Waystation, please contact Yvonne or Deb in the Education Department.



FREE WATER TEST FOLLOW UP SUCCESS

LRBOI Natural Resource partnered with the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program for free private water well testing. Water samples were collected on July 15, 2008. There was a total collection of 107 water samples collected. They have been taken to Lansing for testing and the results will be mailed to the private well owners in six weeks.

The results from your water sample are confidential. You will be mailed a copy of your results and information about what you should do if the concentration of nitrate is too high or if atrazine is detected in the sample.

This will be ongoing annual free water well testing so if you missed it this year it will be offered again in July 2009.



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Health Commission Position

The Tribal Ogema is seeking Tribal Members intersted in serving on the LRBOI Health Board. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema’s office.





## *Jiingtamok Has a Special Performance; Many Gathered to "Honor Our Ancestors"*

A bright sunny summer weekend with temperatures in the low to mid-80s was the setting at the tribal Gathering Grounds for this year's Jiingtamok. Beneath the shady arbor, a total of 10 Adewegan (Drums) honored our ancestors, dancers, and spectators with harmonious singing and steady beats. During the Kchitwaabiindige zhigaawin (Grand Entry), 143 registered dancers made way for a beautiful line of colored ribbons, intricate beaded patterns, exquisite leatherwork and feathers amongst the graceful dance steps of many Elders, down to the adorable tiny tots. The patriotic flags and eagle staffs were respectfully posted followed by an honoring of military veterans. Surrounding the dance arena, 18 vendors and traders sat beneath shaded canopies with their merchandise on display. A nice variety of items were for sale, such as black-ash baskets, hand-carved wooden flutes, beaded barrettes and earrings, leather crafts, wiingash (sweetgrass), music CD's, furs, and autographed memorabilia from

renowned actress and singer, Irene Bedard, who was a special guest. The Tribal Historic Preservation Department offered official Jiingtamok t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, and collector coins for sale beneath the pavilion as well. In addition to the arts and crafts vendors, a stop at one of the two food vendors was a necessity. The frybread, Indian tacos, soups, blanket dogs, and other menu items were all so appetizing and delicious!

Although attendance at the Jiingtamok was below normal due to the economic hardships, those who came out to the event enjoyed the festivities. The giigadoo nini (emcee) and naanaanzit (arena director) kept the songs and dances flowing smoothly while providing some surprise spot dances in between the exhibition dancing, intertribal

songs, and specialty dances. Smiles and laughter were seen everywhere as people danced, visited, and children played during periodic breaks. In the late afternoon, a pair of beautiful mgiziwok (eagles) gracefully rode the air currents overhead and blessed everyone with their appearance.

During the dinner break on Saturday, a special musical performance was given by Irene Bedard and her husband Deni, who have been a band for four years. Their dinner performance was well-received and enjoyed by many as they sang songs from their CD's and some new songs from their next album that is still a work in progress. Irene and Deni hope to attend the Tribe's Jiingtamok on a regular basis in the coming years.

Another highlight of the Jiingtamok was the Miss Little River and Jr. Miss Little River Princess contests in which a total of four contestants competed for the crowns. A panel of

judges interviewed the contestants and also awarded them points based upon their regalia and dancing. After much anticipation, the outgoing Princesses were acknowledged, the crowns were passed on to the new Princesses, and a Mnajaa zhingamwok (Honor Song) was sung as family and friends came out to congratulate the young ladies for their accomplishments and determination.

On Sunday, the two days of singing and dancing came to a close with a giveaway of traditional gifts of leather pouches filled with semaa (tobacco) for the men, abalone shells and mshkwaadewashk (sage) for the women, and craft kits for the children. A traveling song was sung for the safe return of everyone to their homes and next destination. The perfect weather weekend was well-enjoyed as everyone packed up, said their goodbyes or "Bama pii" and began their journey home.

## *Actress and Singer Makes a Special Appearance at the Jiingtamok*



Just days before the Tribe's Jiingtamok on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, the Tribal Historic Preservation Department was contacted by Irene Bedard and her husband Deni, that they had wanted to make a special appearance at the Jiingtamok. After a little coordinating and communication, it was confirmed that they would indeed be taking part in the activities at the Jiingtamok.

Irene is best known as an actress and has starred in over 42 movies, and many television shows. She was the speaking voice and likeness of Disney's "Pocahontas". She has starred in many TNT movies such as "Lakota Woman", "Two for Texas", and "Crazy Horse". Irene played a main character in the classic "Smoke Signals" and Steven Spielberg's mini-series "Into The West" as well as many more movies. She has won over 15 best actress and best supporting actress awards. Irene has had several films released in 2007 including "Tortilla Heaven" with George Lopez and Elaine Miles, and "Cosmic Radio" with Taboo from the Black Eyed Peas and Micheal Madsen. She has also just completed the 1st year of the new Spiderman animated series, for which she is a regular character.

Deni began his music study at the Canal Street Tavern in Dayton, Ohio working as a sound engineer from the age of 15-22. He learned music from the many legendary greats that

played there during that time including blues greats Willie Dixon, Taj Mahal, Muddy Waters, and Buddy Guy to name a few. Deni is an indie musician and recorded with many bands over the years and has starred in off-Broadway theatre. He has also won an mp3 Grammy for best male vocalist and has scored six films.

Deni's first band won many local band contests which led him to leave Ohio for the Big Apple where he met Irene Bedard. They waited tables at the famous "Around the Clock" in the east village and were soon married. They now have a 4-year old boy named Quinn.

Amongst the other vendors and traders at the Jiingtamok, Irene and Deni had set up their own canopy to display their merchandise. In addition to Irene's "Native Beauty" clothing line, they offered their music CD's and autographed movie memorabilia for sale. Their booth was the highlight to many people's shopping experience that weekend and many people, of all ages, lined up to get their photos taken with Irene. It was quite entertaining to watch the little girls' faces beam with excitement when they saw that they could get their picture taken with "Pocahontas".

During the dinner break on Saturday, Irene and Deni, provided musical entertainment with their singing and Deni's guitar

playing. They have been a band for four years and they perform original contemporary music with traditional Native, Gaelic and American roots. They have recorded four records and have been nominated for different music awards.

In 2007, Irene and Deni launched an acting and music program for Native American kids called the Foundation For the Future of the Seventh Generation. The foundation's mission statement is: "A youth mentoring and leadership program through the use of the performing and media arts." Irene and Deni believe that "inspiration can change the world, and that's worth everything."

Upon the conclusion of the Jiingtamok, Irene and Deni both expressed their desire to return to Manistee for the annual Jiingtamok because "it is one of their most favorite Pow Wows" that they have attended.



Photo by Jill Sabella  
/Miramax Films

## *Special Recognition to Volunteers*

The Tribal Historic Preservation Department would like to express their sincere appreciation and give special recognition to the volunteers who assisted with duties at the Jiingtamok on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Kchi-miigwech to:

Joan Burkhart  
Melanie Ceplina  
Sandy Chandler  
Jessica LeDeux  
Ken Mitchell  
Pat Ruiter  
Keith Sam  
Pat Wilson Jr.  
Sunflower Wilson  
Julie Wolfe

Each one of your efforts and assistance was greatly appreciated! Dedicated individuals like you are invaluable to the smooth operation and coordination of sizeable events such as the Jiingtamok.

*Kchi-miigwech!*

*"Information provided by Tribal Historical Department"*



# Princesses 2008

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## The Newly Crowned Little River Princesses Are...

This year's Little River Princess contests drew in a total of four contestants who all desired to be the next Miss and Jr. Miss Princesses to represent the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. Following the tradition of recent years, the contests were held during the Tribe's Jiingtamok, which was held on July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. All four contestants submitted their application, biography, and a recent photo; the applicant at the senior level also provided her essay which was evaluated and included in the judge's scoring. Each young lady was personally interviewed by the panel of judges who scored them on their knowledge of Native American and tribal history and culture. Additionally, the

contestants were evaluated on their regalia and dance expertise. After calculation and verification of the results, the 2008-2009 winners and runners-up were:

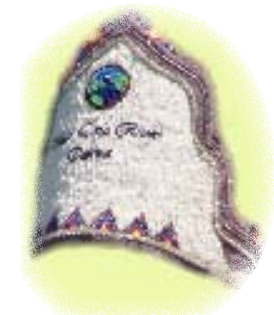
Roxanne Carihfield (Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)  
Hannah Sandel (Jr. Miss Little River Band of Ottawa Indians)  
Shelly Carihfield (Jr. Miss 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up)  
Autumn Carter (Jr. Miss 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up)

The following biographies were submitted with the Princesses' applications and are being published so that our members know a little more about the young ladies that will be representing the

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at Pow Wows and other events and activities within the coming year. Much appreciation and thanks go to Shelly Carihfield and Autumn Carter for taking the time and effort to compete in this year's contest. We encourage you and all other young ladies to continue learning and expanding upon your heritage in hopes that you will enter the contest in the future. We wish you the very best of blessings now and in the future.

As our Miss and Jr. Miss Princesses, Roxanne and Hannah will be representing the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians at various Tribal events and at other Pow Wows. They will be acting as goodwill ambassadors of the Tribe

and serve as a role model for our youth. Congratulations Roxanne and Hannah!



Submitted by Valerie Chandler,  
Tribal Historical Preservation



## Why Preserving Native American Heritage Is Important



By Roxanne Carihfield, Miss Little River  
Band of Ottawa Indians 2008-2009

There are many aspects of Anishinaabe culture that, now more than ever, need to be passed down by our elders and tribal leaders in order to keep our heritage alive. Some of these aspects are language, spirituality, traditional ceremonies, teachings, stories/legends, and of course, our history.

I feel it is very important for people to learn the history of our heritage so that we can fully appreciate the freedoms that many of our ancestors fought and died for, such as the right to speak Anishinaabemdaa (native language of the Three Fires nations), participate in traditional ceremonies, and to gather together and celebrate with each other through dance and song at a jiingktamok (powwow). Dating back to the 1500's, great warriors such as the Odawa Chief Pontiac (1720-1769), rose up to fight against the forces that threatened to make Anishinaabe people

surrender their ways and give up the things I mentioned and many more. Because of his bravery and devotion to his people we are able to exercise the liberties that he, and many other warriors after him, fought for. In honor of them we should take the time to learn and appreciate what they stood up for so devoutly: the preservation of the Anishinaabe way of life.

Our language is one of the most important parts of our heritage, yet fewer young people are learning it from the older generations. The importance of preserving our language is being recognized more and more by those who were not given the opportunity to learn it. Several fluent speakers have taken it upon themselves to start programs that can help these people learn and understand the language. The instructors do no limit themselves to just sharing their knowledge of the language; they often incorporate other Anishinaabe traditions and teachings. This is such a key part to keeping our heritage alive because as more people learn the language, they become more open to learning the other aspects of the culture.

Another important part of cultural expression is experiencing

traditional music and dance at a powwow. These gatherings, being social, as well as ceremonial, continue to bring people of all nations together to celebrate and honor our heritage. Just by participating in a powwow, whether it be dancing in regalia, singing, drumming, or just attending, one is helping to embrace and pass on what our ancestors have entrusted to us. A lot of the songs that are sung at a jiingktamok have special meanings behind them and are many generations old. They are always passed down orally; this too is a way of preserving culture.

Wisdom, Love, Respect, Honesty, Bravery, Humility, Truth, these teachings that are crucial to a developed character and a good life are known as the Seven Grandfathers. They are being slowly forgotten over time as the mindset of American society is pushed onto Native American youth through advertising and the media. The emphasis is being put more on self-gratification instead of concern for the good of others and respect for ourselves. We need to be living our lives according to these teachings that our ancestors have passed down—not only so that we can make the best of the life we are given by the Creator, but most importantly that we will be

examples to the generations that follow behind us.

I believe that the heart and soul of cultural preservation lies in upholding the true significance behind any cultural expression; this is done by reinforcing in today's youth the message that when you are expressing your culture, it should be done with an awareness that is genuine and heartfelt.







Roxanne (Miss Little River) was born at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio on October 13, 1990 to Oletha Rose Birdsall and J. Shane Criehtfield. She is also the granddaughter of Arlenea Davidson. She grew

up in a small town outside of Cincinnati until she moved to her current residence in Hoooven, Ohio at age 14. Roxanne attended Harrison Christian School during her elementary years, transferred to Harrison Elementary for Jr. High School, and then to Aldersgate Academy for high school. She has always tried to keep a good balance between her school work and extracurricular activities such as participating in school competitions as a soloist and with the choir, keeping up with class activities (she has been class secretary since her freshman year), working on her regalia, and attending pow wows with her family on weekends. She also enjoys playing the piano and doing beadwork. Roxanne has always loved learning as much as she can about her Anishinaabe culture from her Elders, family, friends, and whoever is willing to share their knowledge with her. Roxanne has been a fancy shawl dancer for seven years and loves expressing her Native heritage through dancing and her regalia.

Submitted by Valerie Chandler,  
Tribal Historical Preservation

Can you find the Five Hidden Arrowheads?



(Nme' - King of Fish - and is a clan animal)

Look at this picture of Baby Sturgeon and find the five hidden arrowheads.

When the Nme' are little their heads look like arrowheads, when they get older their heads look like torpedo's !

Anishinaabemowin Word Search

Stores	Odawe gamigoon	Airplane	Baaschigan
Grocery store	Miijimi odawe gamig	Boat	Jiimaan
Clothing store	Miijimi odawe gamig	Farm animals	Okaanak
Gowini odawe gamig	Gowini odawe gamig	Wild animals	Wesiinhak
Garage	Dabaan gamig	Birds	Binenhshiinhak
Mall	Kchi odawe gamig	Barn	Okaan gamig
Small store	Odawe gamigonhs	Town	Odeno
Street lights	Miikani wawaskwanejigan	City	Kchi odeno
Stop light	Nookshka wawaskwanejigan	Field	Kitigaan
Police car	Waabshkoonjiziinh	Restaurant	Shaange gamig

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Hannah (Jr. Miss Little River) is from Manistee, Michigan and is almost 11 years old. She is the great-granddaughter of Jim and Lillian Theodore, the granddaughter of Jim Theodore Jr. and Kathy Eagle, and the daughter of Angela Eagle. Hannah will be in the sixth grade this fall at the

Manistee Middle School. She is a traditional dancer, but used to be a fancy shawl dancer until last year. Her mom has taken her to pow wows to dance since Hannah could walk. Hannah plans on representing the Tribe by going to pow wows and other activities as much as she can. She enjoys singing, dancing, crafting, and art. She wants to try her hardest to dance, help others, and respect the Tribe in all ways. One of Hannah's goals is to help with the "Big Green" which promotes picking up trash, recycling, planting trees and plants, conserving energy, and bringing about awareness. This project is important to her so that everyone can help Mother Nature. Hannah wants to be an example for others and would like to teach people the respect for all things and as well as other teachings.

Submitted by Valerie Chandler,  
Tribal Historical Preservation





## Congratulations



Tribal Member Amber Shepard Ludington, MI was awarded a five hundred dollar scholarship from the Michigan Indian Elders Assoc. at the meeting held in July. This is the first time a LRBOI student was been awarded a scholarship by MIEA.

Our condolences to the family of Kaileigh Ann Waskiewicz Her family suffers from her tragic loss and untimely passing at the tender age of 18. May her spirit find peace.

## Thank You

*I would like to thank the Tribal Council, Little River employees, Friends and Family for all they have done for me in my time of need. It's been a rough year, but with all of the support and prayers I received; it has made it a lot easier. Once again thanks so much, and a special thanks to Kathleen Block for all she did above and beyond, "what a friend". Also thanking Janine Sam and Kathleen Block for donating their PTO to me.*

*Thanks again  
Mary Bower*

### Alison Elizabeth Schafer



*Congratulations to my cousins Angela & Steve Schafer on the birth of their new daughter*

*May 5, 2008*

*-love your Cali cousins*

### Gavin James Kowalski

*June 18, 2008  
7lbs 3oz*



*Proud Family:  
Charlotte Carrillo & Ron Kowalski  
and big brother Daron*

September 29th  
Happy Birthday to the most wonderful Mother in the world!  
I love you lots!  
Love, your daughter Candace

**Happy Birthday!**

Happy Birthday to Robert Chandler on August 8th!  
Hope you have a great day and we love you so much!  
Love,  
Sandy, Valerie, Matthew, Joan, Geoff, Nathan & Katelyn



Happy Birthday Grandma We're so glad you're home again!  
Love, Phillip, Gabriel & Nathaniel

Happy 65th Birthday Jewels!  
Love, Renee

**Happy Birthday!**

We wish you a Happy Birthday Mom! onne Foster. August 23rd. -Love Doug, Lisa and kids.  
Happy Birthday to Tammy Bowen! Hope your day is filled with much love, laughter, and happiness!  
Love, Valerie & Matthew



Happy Birthday Mommy Eagle, and Grammy - Love Hannah and Mathew

Happy Birthday Mom (Patty Carrillo) July 12, 2008  
Love Al, Aaron, Charlotte, Daron & Gavin

Happy Birthday to Jeff Chandler on August 4th!  
We hope you get everything you wish for and much more!  
Love, Valerie & Matthew



**2nd Annual Recovery in the Park Family Day****JOIN US TO HONOR AND CELEBRATE THOSE IN RECOVERY****FIRST STREET BEACH, ROCKET PARK****THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008****3:00PM TILL 9:00 PM****SPEAKER MEETING @ 4PM****PICNIC @ 5PM****~ BRING A DISH TO SHARE ~****BRING YOUR KITES, FRISBEES, CHAIRS, AND BLANKETS****SOMETHING FUN TO DO FOR EVERYONE IN THE FAMILY!**

If you have questions, please contact  
Julie Wolfe, Youth Prevention Counselor  
231.398.6632

National Alcohol  
& Drug Addiction  
*Recovery Month*

Sponsored by: Be-Da-Bin Behavioral Health of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

*The Development Committee Members are  
Doing a walk through the past*

The Development Committee is working on putting together a Tribal Family Picture Gallery Project called "Walk through the Past". We are looking for old pictures that begin with the 1800's through the 1950's the examples of pictures that we are looking for are: Family Group shots, Grandparents, Parents, Old wedding pictures, Pictures of old homesteads, Group School pictures.

Please identify these pictures and the pictures should be no smaller than a 3x5 as when the picture is blown up it does lose its resolution.

The Development Committee will make sure that you will receive your picture/pictures back. We are trying to get as many families to participate.

We need to have these pictures to the Developmental Committee no later than September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008 so that we can work on this project through the fall and have it ready for the 2009 Spring Membership meeting.

Please mail your picture to:

Kimberly Alexander  
Development Committee Member  
375 River Street  
Manistee, Michigan 49660

Thank you,

Kimberly Alexander  
Loretta Beccaria

**TRADITIONAL DRUM SESSION.**

I am very happy to announce that the men's traditional drumming and singing class will begin on Wednesday, August 6th at 5:30 pm. at the community center. The session will last until 7:00. There are no required dues or fees. It is okay to come in late or leave early if you must. Women are welcome to come and sing. Youth should be accompanied by a parent if they need supervision to stay focused. There are no age limits, just behavioral limits. No one under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed at the session. We hope to have a lot of fun and honor our ancestors by keeping our traditions alive. We invite anyone with experience to come and help teach others. If you have any questions, contact: Austen Brauker at 398-2240.

**BEGINNING FLUTE CLASS.**

The flute class is scheduled to begin at 5:30 on Wednesday, August 13th at the community center. You must have your own flute to participate, either a five or six holed, Native American style flute. No musical background is necessary. The class is open to men and women of all ages. No one under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed. If you have any questions about the flute class contact: Austen Brauker at 398-2240.



Here is a Little bit of what our LRBOI Olympic team did this year to hold it down for our tribal nation at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Michigan Indian family Olympics on Friday July 25,2008...

Krystal Davis-	Silver	100 M Run	Bishop Davis-	Gold	50 M Run
Ron Wittenberg-	Bronze	800 M Run	Nadine Lewis-	Gold	Running Long Jump
	Silver	800 M Walk	Kareen Lewis-	Gold	100 M Run
	Silver	Softball Throw		Silver	50 M Run
Shiann Gonzalez-	Bronze	1600 M Run	Wabanung Bussey –	Fourth Place	50 M Run
Abram Hernandez -	Gold	100 M Run	Knight Viznor-	Silver	Softball throw
Tia Allen -	Silver	Archery	Debra Davis-	Gold	Running Long Jump
	Gold	Running Long Jump	Deacon Wilson –	Gold	100 M Run
				Gold	Running Long Jump
Sky Gonzalez –	Silver	Fitness Circuit	Emerald Lawrence -	Bronze	Running Long Jump
Nebin Lawrence-	Bronze	100 M Run	George Lawrence -	Silver	1600 M Run
	Silver	100 M Run	Dakota Woodward-	Bronze	1600 M Run
	Bronze	50 M Run	Katlyn Heck -	Silver	Softball Throw

“Each of the awards was won in their age group”

We were also the only tribe that had a full team of volunteers to help out at the event earning us a extra ten points for sportsmanship!  
I would like to say,'chi miigwech to all the athletes and participants who made this day a huge success, and don't forget you are the Most Excellent!



Photos submitted by:  
Julie Wolfe- Be Da Bin  
Youth Prevention  
And Jeanie Gibson- Planning  
Secretary